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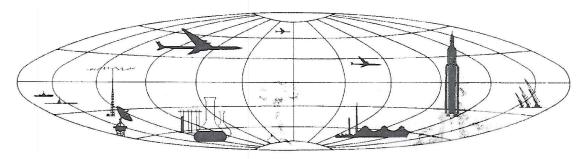


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#### **PREFACE**

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

# OSIPOVICHI ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH (53-18N 028-39E)

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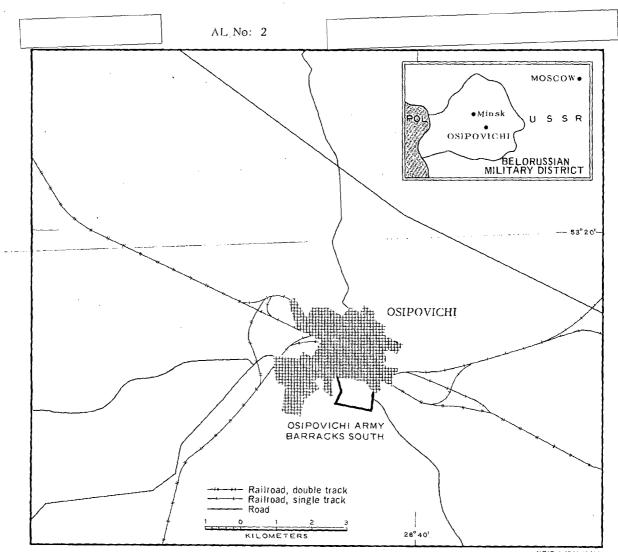


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF OSIPOVICHI ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH.



#### SUMMARY

Osipovichi Army Barracks South is located on the south edge of Osipovichi (53-18N 028-38E), south of the Osipovichi-Bobruysk rail line (Figure 1). The installation is not rail served. An all-weather primary road provides access to Osipovichi. Osipovichi Army Barracks Northeast (AL-1) is located 1.1 kilometers (km) north. Other military installations are also located in the Osipovichi area.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) covers approximately 300 acres and includes one administration building, 23 single-story and seven multistory barracks, six storage buildings, 17 support buildings, four vehicle parks, eight vehicle sheds, three troop obstacle courses, five small-arms firing ranges, an athletic field

and one probable tower.

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and by 12 KEYHOLE missions between June 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals a decrease in the level of activity between June 1961 and February 1964, and no change in facilities.

The small arms firing ranges L1 through L3 and barracks areas D2 and D3 appear to be inactive and the level of activity in the vehicle/equipment storage/maintenance areas appears to be reduced.

Track activity and military maintenance of the area indicate that the installation is still active.

#### DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

#### Railroad Service

The Osipovichi-Bobruysk rail line passes 400 meters north, but no spurs enter the area.

#### Road Service

An all-weather primary road provides access to Osipovichi.

#### Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 (Figure 3) contains one administration building, seven multistory barracks, and one support building. Area D2 contains ten barracks and four support buildings. Area D3 contains 13 barracks.

The multistory barracks and the administration building appear to be occupied and well kept. However, the barracks in Areas D2 and D3 appear to have a low level of usage.

#### General Storage Areas

Area E1 contains two storage buildings and one support building.

Area E2 contains four storage buildings and one support building.

#### Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 contains one 1,200- by 420-foot vehicle park which does not appear to be occupied. Area J2 contains two vehicle sheds 125 by 50 feet and 120 by 60 feet. Area J3 contains one 600- by 630-foot vehicle park, two 115- by 50-foot vehicle sheds and three support buildings. Area J4 contains one 400-by 360-foot vehicle park, two 250- by 50-foot vehicle sheds and one support building. Area J5 contains one 300- by 320-foot vehicle park, two 140- by 50-foot vehicle sheds and two support buildings.

The level of activity in these areas appears reduced.

#### Athletic Field

Area K is an active athletic field.

#### Small Arms Firing Ranges

Area L1 contains a 660-by 45-foot range.



FIGURE 2. OSIPOVICHI ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH, OSIPOVICHI, USSR, APRIL 1962.

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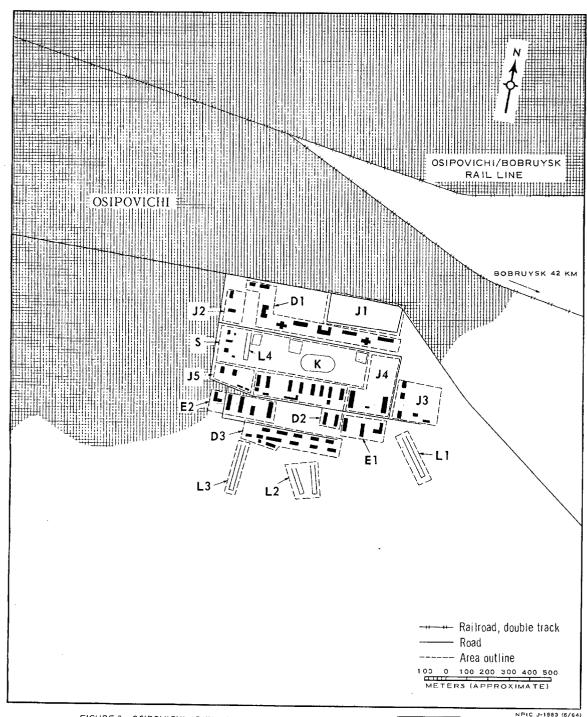


FIGURE 3. OSIPOVICHI ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH. Sketch compiled from April 1962.



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Area L2 contains a 400- by 50-foot range and a 430- by 50-foot range. Area L3 contains a 660- by 50-foot range. Area L4 contains a 360- by 45-foot range.

Areas L1 through L3 are inactive. Area L4 is part of a small troop training area which is

probably still active.

#### Special Training Facilities

Area S is a small troop training facility which includes three obstacle courses, four small support buildings and one probable tower.

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